Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
State Forest Resource Management Guide Public Comment Summary

## **SUMMARY COMMENTS**

<u>Jackson Washington State Forest</u> <u>Compartment 13 Tract 13</u> <u>30 Day Comment Period Ending: May 3, 2008</u> <u>Comments Received: 1</u>

The table below is a summary of public comments received concerning the draft Resource Management Guide (DRMG). The public comments received have been reviewed in their entirety and given due consideration summarized in the Division of Forestry response below.

Comment Summary	Division of Forestry Response
Advocates for an increase in state forest timber harvesting citing wildlife habitat benefits (songbirds, grouse, etal), particularly the need for more young forest habitat.	<ul> <li>Habitats, communities and species are considered as part of the management planning process. Further information on direct and indirect impacts on species and habitats are found in the Indiana State Forest Environmental Assessment.         http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-StateForests EA.pdf     </li> <li>Indiana State Forests contain approximately 1.15 billion board feet of standing timber. Managed harvest levels on State Forests are set at a level to insure long term sustainability. These levels are periodically reviewed as new inventory data is collected.</li> <li>The prescribed management activities are supported by inventory data and field assessments. The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.</li> </ul>